

10A NCAC 26E .0106 is proposed for adoption as follows:

10A NCAC 26E .0106 TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DOG HANDLERS

(a) An individual applying for registration as a dog handler shall ~~submit documentation to the Department of Health and Human Services verifying the applicant has demonstrated~~ demonstrate competence in the field of drug detection dog training and handling. ~~handling from a canine certification association approved by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to G.S. 90-102.1.~~ The applicant shall demonstrate competency by achieving certification as a drug detection dog handler from an approved canine certification association pursuant to G.S. 90-102.1 and as set forth in Rule .0107 of this Section.

(b) ~~Competency shall be demonstrated in the following areas;~~

(1) ~~basic obedience;~~

(2) ~~canine safety;~~

(3) ~~drug detection; and~~

(4) ~~legal aspects of searches and controlled substances identification.~~

~~(b)(e)~~ The applicant shall submit proof to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) of a Drug Enforcement Administration registration or pending application.

~~(c)~~ The applicant shall submit documentation to DHHS verifying current certification as a drug detection dog handler from an approved canine certification association as set forth in Rule .0107 of this Section.

(d) The applicant shall submit to DHHS five letters of reference showing the applicant is of good moral character and temperate habits in accordance with G.S. 90-102.1.

(e) Pursuant to G.S. 90-102.1, the Department of Justice may provide a criminal record check to the ~~Department of Health and Human Services~~ DHHS for an individual who applies for a new or renewal registration. The applicant shall comply with the criminal record check including the use of his or her fingerprints and shall incur any costs associated with the criminal record check.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-100; 90-102.1; 143B-147(a)(5);*

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